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SUPPLEMENT

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1. [REDACTED] Socialist-Communist rivalry and hatred are greater than ever. The Communist Party has lost ground as a consequence of USSR international concessions; the Socialists are making every effort to take full advantage of this through the opportunity offered by the present government in order to regain the favor of the working masses. Courtade has admitted, [REDACTED] that the Socialists have destroyed all Croizat's efforts in the Labor Ministry.

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2. [REDACTED] Blum is opposed, Mayer favorable, and Mollet hostile to a renewal of the present government. Blum reportedly secretly desires a continuation of the policy of the present government, which would be possible if the Premier were a Socialist. In this event, Auriol is out as President.

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3. [REDACTED] rumor that to have Auriol as President, Bidault as Premier and Foreign Minister with a Socialist Vice-Premier, is another solution considered by the Socialists. However, in the event of such a line-up the Communists have stated their intention of demanding the Vice-Premiership. The Socialists, in view of Bidault's frequent absences from the country for conferences, consider this highly undesirable. Therefore, many Socialists favor the following: Herriot, President; Auriol, Premier; Bidault, Foreign Minister; Duclos, President of the Assembly. This line-up is said to be satisfactory to the Communists also. In such a line-up they would obtain the Ministry of Industrial Production and the Ministry of Labor without opposition and would insist on the Ministry of Agriculture only. The SFIO would insist on the Ministries of Interior, National Education, and National Defense.

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4. There have been no official Bidault-CP negotiations but Communist leaders hope that Bidault will be Premier as they fear his Russian policy less than one of an Angloophile Socialist.
5. As to intra-CP matters, Thorez and Duclos have regained all their old influence, source continues. The majority of the Central Committee supports their recommendation that an attempt to secure the Ministry of National Defense be abandoned and that a concentrated effort be made to obtain only the cabinet posts formerly held. Mauvais and Marty who opposed this policy now admit their error and all CP members are said to realize the disastrous consequences of non-participation of the CP in a future government as has been demonstrated by the current Socialist government.

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6. [REDACTED] recently the Central Committee voted on the Thorez policy concessions and compromise versus the Marty activity. Result of the vote was 13 votes for Thorez, 5 against, and 7 abstentions. This, source continues, is considered a fairly serious threat against Thorez position and policy.

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7. [REDACTED] a stormy pre-Christmas session of the Communist Party Politburo between Marty and Thorez camps. After the session Marty is said to have declared it impossible to allow Thorez to continue as head of the Party as he is too compromised.

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8. Casanova's influence in the Communist Party is apparently weakened, [REDACTED]. He is said to have sent four Communists on a mission to Spain without the clearance of the Central Committee.

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